Steroids and Upjohn: A Profile of Chemical Innovation – Photos

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The early years (pre-1949) of adrenal cortex extracables at The Upjohn Company

Figure 2  George C. Cartland and Marvin H. Kuizenga.

Upjohn Company’s 1946-1952 Kalamazoo site expansion for steroid manufacture
Early cortisone research (1949-1950) – screening new microorganisms for bio-conversion reactions
Early cortisone research (1949-1950) – analyzing new microorganism screening samples for reaction products using paper chromatography
Kalamazoo--The Upjohn Company research team responsible for development of a new fermentation process for the production of cortisone—a process in which microorganisms perform in a single step what previously required a complex, costly series of chemical operations. The team of microbiologists, biochemists and organic chemists are, left to right: L. M. Reineke, Dr. R. H. Levin, Dr. D. H. Peterson, Marian H. Leigh, Dr. Adolph Weintraub, Dr. H. C. Murray, Dr. P. D. Meister. (Other members not present for the picture: Dr. S. H. Eppstein and Dr. R. B. Edwards.)
Early cortisone research (1952) – Hazel Marion Leigh Osborn, member of the Progesterone Microbiological Transformation (Murray-Peterson) Team
Early cortisone research (early 1950’s) –
Fermentation scale-up (5 gallons), oxygenated progesterone product recovery, and drying of final crystals
Early cortisone research (early 1950’s) – Product Analysis, optical rotation by polarimetry (left) and chemical structure by IR spectroscopy (right)
Early hydrocortisone and cortisone production (early 1950’s)
Sitosterol stockpile 1960’s (inset)

Sitosterol stockpile early 1970’s with D.A. Livingston “skiing”
Sitosterol Microbiological Transformation (Wovcha) Team (mid-1970's)
Upgrading manufacturing facilities (1980’S)

Julie L. Hohler, Chemical Processing, monitors one of Building 335’s automated systems. The building produces mainstream intermediates for the steroid ingredients of Provera products and hydrocortisone and meets or exceeds all known environmental requirements.

New facility called world’s most advanced
Examples of various Upjohn corticosteroid products over time showing wide range of dosage forms – solid, liquid, ointments, providing wide range of delivery options – oral, topical, injectable.